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C. J. PECK, JR. REELECTED PRESIDENT OF GLCC

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT MAY 26 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Demonstrating its unqualified approval of his leadership, the GLCC Board of Directors reelected C. J. Peck, Jr. on May 26 to his second term as President of the Commission. Expanding activities and recognition of the GLCC as one of the most potent forces in Chicago for community conservation have been notable features of Mr. Peck's first year of office.



CLAUDE J. PECK, JR.

Mr. Peck is manager of plant and community relations at Hyerson Steel 2558 W. 16th St. Before becoming President of GLCC, Mr. Peck had been active as Chairman of the Personnel Committee, the Housing and Zoning Committee and in GLCC fund drives.

No stranger to civic affairs, he was president of the Sears YMCA Executive Club in 1957 and is Secretary of the Marshall Square Boys Club. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Managers of the General Robert E. Wood Boys' Club and was recently elected a director of the Sears YMCA.

Elected to fill two Board vacancies at the same meeting were: Dr. Carl Nussbaum, Executive Director of West Haven Rehabilitation Hospital, 1401 S. California and Mr. Richard Burke, Operating Assistant to the President, Sears, Roebuck & Co.

New members of the Board are Mr. Stewart Brown, real estate broker; Mrs. W. M. Burns, Johnson Publications; Mrs. Ira Lee Campbell, President, 1600-1800 Drake Black Club; Mrs. Nadine Holt, Executive Director, West Side YMCA; Mr. Benjamin F. Lewis, Alderman, 24th Ward; Mr. Charles W. Petty, business man; Mr. Samuel E. Riley, businessman; Mrs. Faith Rich, Franklin Park Community Council; Mr. David Rosenberg, businessman and Mr. Mark J. Sotter, Attorney.

Miss Ethel Vrana was reelected Secretary and Mr. Melvin Hart was elected Treasurer.

MRS. MAHALA EVANS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GLCC LADIES AUXILIARY

"More members in the Auxiliary and more organizations, too." That's the Auxiliary's goal announced by Mrs. Mahala Evans, 3310 W. Douglas Blvd., new president of this important GLCC group when she and other new officers took up their new responsibilities on May 28. Installation of officers will take place on June 16 at the Sears YMCA, 3210 W. Arthington at 8:00 P.M.

"The Ladies Auxiliary has an important role to play in the over-all effort of the GLCC to make Lawndale a better community. We hope to have an interesting program of activities ready shortly as we go into our new year of service", Mrs. Evans said.



MRS. MAHALA EVANS

Living in Lawndale for the past ten years, Mrs. Evans holds the position of Supervisor of Field Representatives for the Cook County Department of Welfare. She is Secretary of the organization "Home Opportunities Made Equal", a member of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and has helped organize the Hattie Mock Black Club. Mrs. Evans has worked with GLCC for the past five years.

Others elected are: Mrs. Ruth Watson, First Vice-President; Mrs. Georgia Day, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Alpha Lucas, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Elaine Maiden, Treasurer; Mrs. Jessie Holland, Financial Secretary and Mrs. Ruth Wilson, outgoing President, as Consultant.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 16 - Ladies Auxiliary, 8:00 PM, Sears YMCA, Installation of Officers
- June 20 - Young Adults Quarter Party, 8:30 PM, 1538 S. Sawyer Ave.
- June 23 - GLCC Board of Directors, 12:15 PM, George Williams Room, Sears YMCA.
- June 28 - Community Youth Talent Tea, 3:00-7:00 PM, Douglas Park Fieldhouse, 14th & Adams.

DO YOU'RE BUYING A HOME

(Men Who Aid The Speculator)

In the nature of things, homes are bought and sold, and communities change with the years. In Chicago and in all large cities, these changes are a necessary and welcome part of community growth.

But it must be understood that there are several factors and several groups which must favorably and honestly combine to make these changes possible. Without the genuine participation of each group, the changes will be made extremely difficult, if not impossible, and serious and damaging community dislocation will result.

We all know that newcomers are arriving daily in Lawndale. We know further that the newcomers arriving among us are conscientious people, interested as we are in the purchase of homes, and the maintenance of the community.

But neither the older residents, nor the new families among us can make their proper contribution to our community unless they have the co-operation and the help of the segments of our society whose purpose it is to make these changes possible.

These people are the real estate brokers, the lawyers who work for us, and most of all, the money lending institutions among us. Each of these three has a definite place and a definite responsibility in the happy and comfortable transition of our community. It is our purpose to discuss here the role of each of these three groups, and to point out how the failure of any one of them to properly fulfill his function, and how it operates to the long range disadvantage of Lawndale and its people for years to come.

First, we must consider that these are the people upon whom both buyer and seller rely when they make these investments, and unless the buyers and sellers are protected by these trusted people, they and the community will further suffer.

It is the solemn obligation of the real estate broker in Lawndale to deal fairly and openly with his customer, as well as with his seller. The broker, discussing a purchase, should tell the buyer, if such be the case, that he is dealing with a speculator. He should fully and freely tell the buyer his own professional opinion as to the value of the property. Many of our people are without knowledge as to property values; so it is the duty of our brokers to impart to the buyers their own knowledge of real estate values. They must do this so that buyers will not be overreached in their purchases, which will turn out to be an advantage rather than a burden to themselves and to the community.

(Next month:

Further duties of the real estate broker.)

LAWDALE SELECTED FOR DRIVE ON DELINQUENCY

Lawndale has been selected as one of three Chicago areas to receive aid in the city's fight against juvenile delinquency, according to C.J. Peck, Jr., President of GLCC. Mr. Peck was informed directly of his decision by Hubert Will, Chairman of the Chicago Commission of Youth Welfare.

Summing up the Youth Commission's plans, Mr. Will pointed out that the program calls for sending field workers capable of gaining the confidence of families, youth and neighborhood institutions and to bring a sense of organization and direction to fighting the problem of delinquency. Street gang workers and other staff would also be provided where necessary, added Will.

"Lawndale is no better or no worse," said Mr. Will, "When it comes to the problems of delinquency. The Youth Commission has felt, however, that it could be of immediate help here and could test some of its program ideas."

Joseph Peen, Chairman of GLCC Youth Committee and Hazzard Parks, Director of Nancy Center had joined Mr. Peck in urging street gang leadership, case work with children and families and development of a program to encourage young people to complete their education.

1600 CENTRAL PARK CLUB WINS REAL ESTATE BOARD CONTEST

A \$100 cash award was recently won by the 1600 S. Central Park Black Club for the best improvements made during the past year in the city-wide home improvement contest sponsored by the Chicago Real Estate Board. More than 15 blocks in Lawndale participated. Total prize money amounted to more than \$20,000. Mrs. Lois Pitts, 1631 S. Central Park is President.



Mrs. Rachel Ridley, Chicago Commission on Human Relations (center) presents a \$50 cash award to Dorothy Taylor of Marshall High School to George C. of Harrison High, winners in the recent "Globe To Youth" program for their discussion of "Who is a Good Citizen". Shown l. to r. are Mrs. Mahala Evans, Program Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Wilson, President GLCC Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Lathra Hendrick, Illinois Youth Commission and Mrs. Sophie Heitfeld, School Supt. District 8. The event was sponsored by the GLCC Ladies' Auxiliary to honor outstanding Lawndale Youth.



Officers of the Troy St. Block Club really dig in as they demonstrate what needs to be done in cleaning up and brightening up their block and all of Lawndale. Working rakes and shovels from left to right are: Mrs. Geneva McCombs, 1696 S. Troy, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Rose Wilson, 1845 S. Troy, Secretary; Claude Audley 1829 Troy, GLCC Director; James Thomas, 1660 S. Troy, President; and Henry Dutton, 1832 S. Troy, Vice-President.



Houses, gardens, playlots are all being "fixed up" in Lawndale's drive to clean-up and beautify. Shown here is the house of Sam Parker, 1302 S. Tolman who has added a new brick facade, a new porch and with French grillwork, new fences and has planted a new garden.



MSGR. EGAN HIGHLIGHTS LAWNDALE PROBLEMS AT GLCC ANNUAL MEETING

Msgr. John J. Egan, well-known speaker and outstanding leader in Chicago's efforts in neighborhood conservation and slum prevention, was guest speaker at the GLCC annual meeting last April. In discussing neighborhood problems Msgr. Egan, who is the Director of the Archdiocesan Conservation Council, pointed out that "it will be out of neighborhoods like Lawndale that the eventual solution of some of our urban problems will come." He remarked that success in Lawndale will chart a path of action that will have important significance for hundreds of communities throughout the country.

Noting the importance of dealing with the problems that cause trouble, Msgr. Egan said, "It is impossible to conserve a neighborhood physically while ignoring certain economic and social realities! Clean-up and paint-up are most important, but a community can slide back again in spite of these

efforts if basic causes are not dealt with at the same time, he cautioned.

If the economic status and real purchasing power of the people in a community are low, people are forced to overcrowd neighborhoods and buildings in order to pay for them, he explained. In neighborhoods where the majority of the residents are of a minority group status, the economic picture is of this kind. Job insecurity results in economic distress and consequent neighborhood deterioration.

Msgr. Egan urged opening up wider job opportunities throughout the Chicago area for the members of minority groups and thus helping raise the population's purchasing power to a point where a significant conservation problem can be paid for.

Speaking of the social problem created by larger numbers of transients, Msgr. said, "Transients of all groups can be organized. They don't want to live in the conditions as they now must, any more than we want to be confronted by the conditions a transient population creates. They will be happy to join with us in a noble and far-reaching conservation program."

"A real conservation program envisions building into a community a process of permanent renewal.... I am confident that Lawndale will show the way for the rest of us to follow," concluded Msgr. Egan.

THE PRESIDENT SAYS:

At the Annual Meeting of the Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission on April 30, 1959, eighteen persons were elected to the Board of Directors by the Commission's voting members.

Then on May 26, 1959, the Board elected its officers for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1960. These included re-election of eight vice-presidents, election of seven new vice-presidents, namely: Claude Audley, Dorothy L. Branch, Wilton Brown, Thomas Denton, James Dittus, Francis Ferris, Rev. C. S. Hampton, Paul Howard, Dr. Agnes Lattimer, Hazard Parks, Joseph Rosen, Walter Welton, Fern Wilson, Ruth Wilson, J. W. Young; Mrs. Melvin Hart as Treasurer, Miss Ethel Vrana as Secretary and myself as President.

Needless to say, I am very grateful for the honor and will try to continue to merit the responsibility it entails. All of the other officers are men and women who have served GLCC in various ways in the past and have already proved their interest and ability to work toward the success of the Commission.

This column gives me the opportunity of welcoming all new members to the Board. Further, it permits me to express my sincere appreciation to all of the Directors and Officers who during the last year have given so much of themselves.

What success that has been achieved by the GLCC in the past year has been the result of contributions from many people on the Board, the staff and others. I cannot thank them all individually because of space limitation. But they know who they are, and I thank them here and now for their unselfish giving of time, intelligence and energy.

The high caliber and enthusiasm of the Board gives me courage and great faith in the future effectiveness of GLCC.

C. J. Peck, Jr., President

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS...

Prizes for tables and guests are a feature of the "SUMMER FASHIONS AND CAPERS" event sponsored by the Adult Group at the American Boy's Commonwealth June 21 from 4-6 PM. 3415 W. 13th Pl. The public is invited...Another fashion show, "Mad Hats" was featured at MT. CARMEL CHURCH

12303. Millard. Prizes and refreshments followed the show sponsored by the Missionary Dept., Mrs. M. Mooty, Chairman announced...Douglas Branch Library has a fine collection of GARDEN BOOKS for all Lawndale Gardeners...Monthly SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS like those paid wives and children of retired workers may now be paid to dependents of disabled workers receiving disability insurance benefits. For more information contact the Social Security Field office at MO 5-9436 or visit the offices at 1425 S. Racine Ave...Farragut PTA held its last meeting June 11. Everyone's invited to their rummage sale on June 19, 9-30 A.M. to 12:00 noon...Fr. Anthony has taken the place of Fr. Florian Glocemette at St. Francis X. Cabrini Church, 743 S. Sacramento. Welcome to Lawndale, Fr. Anthony...Mrs. John Hamalson, President HESS SCHOOL PTA writes that they will graduate 310 in June. Hess' annual talent show was a tremendous success, according to Joseph Conner, Principal. More than 700 attended the two-hour show. THE TRUMBULL AVE. IMPROVEMENT CLUB has placed wire baskets at strategic points on the block to keep waste paper from littering the streets. Mrs. Eva Copeland and Mrs. Zula Wright deserve thanks for collecting funds and Mr. Ted Wright for buying and placing the baskets...STONE TEMPLE LODGE announces an annual Community Youth Talent Tea at Douglas Park Field House on June 28...Fannie Brooks writes that the TRE BLOCK IMPROVEMENT meeting May 11 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Adler heard Atty. Kennan speak on Civil Rights...MT. SINAI HOSPITAL, the only Jewish Orthodox hospital in Chicago, marked its 40th Anniversary in May and announced that 200 beds will be added as part of a 20 year expansion program...DONNA FRAZIER was essay contest winner of the Arbor Day program at Franklin Park held on April 24th. In her essay Donna traced the growth of a tree and told how its function and beauty reflected the will of its Creator...You are cordially invited to the Annual Community Youth Talent Tea at the Douglas Park Field House, 14th & Albany, Sunday June 28, 1959 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 P.M. The affair is sponsored by the Stone Temple Lodge, No. 137 F. & A.M. Theme of the Program is "Encourage Our Youth". Guest Speaker is J.W. Young, Executive Service Officer, Sears Roebuck & Co.

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